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**GATES ENOCH SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON  
FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that 20-year-old Gates Enoch of Austin, Texas, was sentenced this morning to 22 months in federal prison for possessing child pornography.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge James Nowlin ordered that Enoch be placed under supervised release for a period of 20 years after completing his prison term and register as a sex offender. Judge Nowlin also ordered Enoch to surrender to federal authorities on or before September 18, 2006, to begin serving his prison term.

On March 14, 2006, Enoch pleaded guilty to the charge contained in a one-count Information. By pleading guilty, Enoch admitted that he was in possession of child pornography and that he also used his home computer to access the Internet in order to find, download and upload visual images that he knew depicted young children engaging in sexually explicit activity.

On March 24, 2004, agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation executed a search warrant at Enoch's residence and seized his computer. A forensic analysis on the computer hard drives revealed between 150 and 300 images of child pornography.

"Child pornography hurts children and destroys families. The proliferation of this evil on the Internet is frightening. The United States Attorney's Office is committed to finding and punishing those who possess and trade these images which depict the crime scenes of children being exploited and abused," stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton.

Assistant United States Attorneys Sharon S. Pierce and Mark Marshall prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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